

Barony of Lions Gate Council Minutes – May 17 2023

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	X
Seneschal	Nereügei Kitad-un	Victor Lo	X
Deputy seneschal	Sir Antonio di Francesco	Anton Chernoff	
Exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	X
Deputy exchequer	Archos Anika Styfe	Christi Frank	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh	Angela Gallant	X
Gold Key			
Games	Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais	Mark Hood	
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	
Deputy chatelaine	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Herald	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrði	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
A&S Deputy (also TUTOR Deputy)	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	X
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
Social media			
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	X
Stables	Decimus Aurelius	Daniel Kline	
Stables Contingency Deputy	Porbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	
Archery	Angharad Verch Cenydd	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	Gunnar the Wanderer	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists			
Blades (Rapier)	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer-Kline	X

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Thrown Weapons	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Sara e Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science			
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey	X
TUTR Coordinator	Marie bint Yussuf	Erika Pharaon	

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Cailean McQuarrie	Rick Weghsteen
Niall	Terry Nelson
Jacqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Sylvina du Bois	Abbygale

1. Approval of minutes: April 2023

Motion to approve by Sadhbh for April 2023 minutes, seconded by Etan, no nays, no abstentions, motion carried. No changes.

2. Seneschal report

It's funny how last month my report led with talk of showers, and now in May we are in the midst of the first sustained heat of the year. And just in time for our major tournament season! As we prepare to head out on the road I remind our populace to keep self-care at the forefront. Many have already stated that they are going to take care of themselves by keeping out of the heat for the coming Crown Tournament. Those still planning to go to events when the temperatures are slated to soar past 35 degrees Celsius are encouraged to practice self-care at events too! The fear of missing out is a big thing, but better to err on the side of caution.

It's also a good time to remind ourselves that those unfinished objects hiding in the closet should see the light of day. Don't let perfect ruin good enough! We're here in this game to enjoy ourselves, not to stress about the little details that most people will overlook. We'd rather have you at an event and having fun!

Finally, if you know anyone who would embrace the challenge of being an officer of the Barony, talk to them! We have a couple of vacancies right now that can be filled, and more importantly we will be running into several terms coming up soon. We've got a big Barony, and as we all know many hands make light work.

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Reminder: Please check your branch email account weekly if not more frequently.

- You can access it via a free app on your phone, or outlook.com on your phone or computer.
- Reliably checking your official Officer correspondence is a part of the position.
- Repeated issues with communication will be followed up with, and we will see how to best support officers.

Reminder: Officer Reports are requested by Monday evening the same week as council.

- This allows me time to follow up with any absent reports.
- Reports are a quick way to show you are active, that there are activities taking place in your area and to let council know of any potential issues or victories!

3. Exchequer report

2023 Financial YTD:

Income of \$6,586.78 and expenses of \$6,273.65 shows as a net income of \$313.13 for 2023 so far.

Available Funds

As of May 15, 2023, total available funds are \$25,235.20

Amount of up to \$500 previously approved for leather commission project.

Receivables & Other Assets \$0

Prepaid expenses: \$0

- Prepaid Public Storage locker get June 2023 free.

I haven't received an invoice yet for the next year, but may we have a motion to pre-pay 12 months to get the 13th month free for the storage locker in Surrey at the same location, for an amount not to exceed \$4,600.

Current Items:

Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org or to submit expenses associated with your budgeted amount for 2023 for your office.

Return-It Express Donations

- For the first five months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$219.08 in direct bottle donations.
- The account phone number code is **604-608-1976**
- Please remember to use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles. Do not make them heavy (spread out the glass bottles over multiple bags if necessary) Do not include foreign/USA items.
- Some locations now require scanning before dropping off your bags

4. Past event reports

Lions Gate Champions (April 29, 2023)

Warner Loat Park

Lions Gate Champions 2023 went very smoothly in all activities. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone who attended seemed to have a wonderful time, all 148 of them! The event had an excellent team of leads and MICS, with copious volunteers helping out throughout the day. Her Highness Gormflaith Bernadette graced us with her presence and gave out Principality Awards, in addition to Baronial awards awarded by our Baron and Baroness. In addition to the martial championships, we had a LOAT of fun activities: an A&S competition- a Loat in any Medium; merchants and artisans; scribal; youth and children's activities, including a scavenger hunt, and Youth Armoured Combat; and dancing on the list field before court! As our traditional site for Champions, this fabulous location being familiar made everything run like clockwork. It is affordable and conveniently located with flush toilets, thereby avoiding the massive expense of Biffies. We were fortunate to have a spell of dry weather leading up to the event, so the site was not a muddy quagmire!

Estimate Attendance	100
Actual Attendance	125
Income	1,875.00
Expenses	322.77
Profit	1,552.23

5. Upcoming events

Lions War at Clinton! August 4-7, 2023

Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023

Masks are now optional but recommended at all Lions Gate events including practices, but as Society wants to remind the populace that *“No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus.”*

6. Officer Vacancies

Note: greater offices are required to have a deputy in case the officer needs to step away.

Ideally all officers that are stepping down need to advertise their vacancy 3 months in advance, if we get applicants we can “hire” after 30 days and leave 60 days to train/shadow and hand over the role. All jobs are to be posted. Interested parties write to their Excellencies and the Seneschal to apply, and the outgoing officer can supply a recommendation.

Thrown Weapons Deputy will step up to take over and current officer Koga will change to Deputy Thrown Weapons instead.

Vacancies

- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- Social Media
- Lists
- TUTR Coordinator – paperwork side of the role
- A&S

New and Extending Officers

Applications for incoming officers to be reviewed by Their Excellencies, the seneschalate and supervising officers.

- Thrown Weapons - Sara e Rosa mka Kimberlyn Weston stepping up from thrown weapons deputy position. Junior thrown weapons marshal certification in progress.

Council polling – no nays, no abstentions, all in support of Sara e Rosa stepping up as soon as junior thrown weapons marshal is achieved.

Seneshal thanked Koga and Madame Jaqueline for extensive volunteer work supporting and developing the thrown weapons community in Lions Gate. He then thanked Mistress Agnes for all the long work for many years as Baronial Lists officer.

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

September Crown 2023

Kingdom of An Tir has accepted the bid at Camp McLean from Duke Ulfr and Mistress Izzy's team. Caemgen and Nereugei are going to be shadow stewarding from the Principality and Baronial levels. A call for volunteers will go out to help the Kingdom. **No new updates.**

Event site explorers

Looking to modify the existing SCA pamphlet to give more information on the Barony, and identify places. Baroness Gera of Madrone has put out a couple of brochures about approaching indoor and outdoor sites. Email the Seneschal if you would like a look.

Group buy for Rapier Steel Key

This has been left with the rapier officer and community to come up with a list of needs and pricing.

Lions Gate Trials

Site needed! Albion is unavailable that weekend, and so the search is on for a site that can host camping and possibly archery!

Banquet Site

Site visit happened Tue Apr 25, with plans afoot involving Tanikh and Sara and Sadhbh. Perhaps moving date to Dec 2 – general approval to move the date if necessary. **New site under consideration with larger capacity.**

Baronial Ceremonial Binder

Ceremonial being printed.

Scouts Canada call for help/demo – Duke Ulfr June 16-18 2023

Lions War update – Nereugei

Formal request for use of lands has been sent and received by Coill Mohr. Event package has been submitted. Clarification on a couple of clauses on the contract will be hammered out when the site owners return at the end of May.

8. Baronial Business – New

Tir Righ Regalia

At the last several Tir Righ events, through the efforts of Lady Elspeth Farre, the halls have been decorated with heraldic regalia. The hall for Tir Righ February Investiture featured banners of the branches of Tir Righ that were donated to the Kingdom of An Tir.

Many have commented on the atmosphere this brings to the event. It is our team's wish to aid that for future events, beginning at August Investiture. We invite you to celebrate the skills of your branch with your gift to Tir Righ of the representation of your branch.

Attached is an information package sharing a proposal and the information to complete the banners and pennants we would love to see at Investiture. Please take a moment to review the information, and should you have any questions, contact us.

We would appreciate confirmation of your participation or decline.

Seneschal notes we are capital of An Tir and have many skilled artisans to take on this.

Event Schedule 2023

Date Reservation Forms have been registered with Kingdom Calendar for the following events and dates:

Lions War August 4-7, 2023 at Clinton, BC – volunteers needed

Lions Gate Trials August 18-20, 2023 - team in place, but no site arranged yet

Salon Artificum October 14th, 2023 Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

Baronial Banquet October 28, 2023 - bids needed! (consider date to Dec 2?)

Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 – bids needed!

9. Coronet report

Greetings all!

We hope everyone is surviving the unseasonal heat. It looks to get a little cooler but still warm. We will be skipping May Crown due to the heat but we want to wish good luck to all going. If you are melting at home we do have a pool that is lovely right now. Drop us a message if you need a dip and I am sure we can accommodate.

Lions Gate Champions was great. We have some new champions and looking forward to what they will accomplish this year. Thank you again to the event team and all of the helpers. Cyneric and Arianna.

Sealion war is coming fast so dust off your Bardic chops, clean up that armour, wax your bow strings and sharpen your throwing axes so we can show Seagirt a great time and defeat them soundly.

Lions War has some progress in planning. The war is between the Barony of Lions Gate (home of the Gormflaith) and the Shire of Cold Keep (home of the Prionsa). We are inviting all to come and support the side you wish (Pick Lions Gate!) on the August long weekend in Clinton. Thanks all so please stay safe, don't melt and see

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; June 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by May 16, 2023;

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrði Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Nothing to report.

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Office activities: I have seen a fairly good increase in the number of newcomers this year compared to the same time last year. I'm hoping we end up seeing people stick around and help to grow the barony. The Gold Key has been in good use over the past few events, with Champions seeing an excellent use rate. I'm thinking about possible ways to improve how Gold Key can be stored and organized during events to make it less of an annoyance to find people garb

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

Nothing to report.

Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant - Etan na Garmna Casail Oct 2021-Oct 2023

Stables - Decimus Aurelius Oct 2021- Oct 2023

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Jacomina van Vossenbrouk Sep 2021-Sep 2023

Rapier practices are still well attended! It's really awesome. Nothing else to report.

Lists - Dame Agnes May 2019 - **May 2023**

Final Lists Report from Agneß Scherer.

Having been your Lists person since November 2018, and I have dutifully served in my office. There has been no response to my call for replacement so far. We still have time before the Lists office for Lions Gate is required again at Baroness' Inspiration Tourney in November. As always I am here to train if someone wants to learn how to do Round Robin format.

Lists for Champions was wonderful. The fighters were considerate and attentive to what I needed. Everyone provided an authorization card.

The Heavy tournament had 13 competitors and 4 knights adding to the amount of fights to be fought. The top 4 were Sir William of the Battered Helm, HL Nicholaß Volkhart, Sir Bryn Fitz Savaric, and Sgt Nereugei Kitad-un. With the finals being fought between HL Nicholaß and Sir Bryn with Nicholaß being the victor!

The Rapier tournament had 15 competitors and one MOD adding to the amount of fights to be fought. The top 4 were HL Davin Adair, Lord Lokki in helgi, HL Jacomina van Vossenbrouck, and Sir Einar Guntharson. The finals were between HL David Adair and Sir Einar Guntharson with HL David Adair being the victor!

All I have left to do is do an inventory of the lists bin and have someone take it to the storage locker.

Thank you again for all your support and help,
Agneß Scherer ~ OL, Silver Sparkes, Tir Righ Laurel Secretary, and tired little bean 😊

Thrown Weapons - Koga of the Wolfpack Aug 2020- Aug 2023

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- VACANT

2024 Dance- Roesia du Bois Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

April 19th - we had a friendly invasion of Lionsdale dancers keep us from having to cancel while many of us regulars were at council or off for personal / health reasons. In all there were 7 dancers and they did 8 different dances, repeating them several times to consolidate them in memory.

April 26th - We had 6 dancers and danced 9 dances.

Saturday April 29th - dancing on the list field at LG Champions we had at least 14 dancers recorded and danced 5 dances before court.

May 3rd - We had a phenomenal turnout of 12 dancers and did 10 dances!

May 10th had 8 dancers and 8 dances.

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Nothing to report.

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

It's been a busy month. The Scribal Pop Up at Champions was very well attended. We had 3 experienced scribes working on Charters, 9 new to scribal people tried painting and/or calligraphy. Another dozen or so came by and asked questions. We were also a stop for the children's scavenger hunt and a few of them looked at the books. 2 people took paint kits home to work with, and we have 1 new person trying their hand at Charter design.

Social Media – VACANT

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Other than updates after Champions, nothing to report this time.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - Marie bint Yussuf – Jun 2022-Jun 2024

2023 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2023 Budget				
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$75	
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$25	
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$50	
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping	\$40	
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$75	
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone	\$400	\$156.18
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50	
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200	
From 2022	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)	\$4,132.80	
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies	\$25	
Marshal (Archery)	archery supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (Equestrian)	equestrian supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Marshal (Rapier)	rapier supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (Stables)	Heavy fighter supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$125	
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	\$33.14
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100	
Total Requests			\$6,197.80	